

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A mail-processing device comprising:
 - a microprocessor;
 - a keyboard with operating elements connected to said microprocessor for entering shipping information into said microprocessor;
 - a working memory accessible by said microprocessor containing mail-item-related data values;
 - a programmable memory and a program memory accessible by said microprocessor;

in at least one of said program memory and said programmable memory, a first memory area containing a program ~~for evaluating that evaluates~~ said mail-item-related data values stored in the working memory to cause said mail-item-related data values to be permanently or temporarily stored, a second memory area containing a first table for indices respectively assigned to different country-specific, postal authority-defined product codes, said product codes being ascendingly or consecutively stored in said table in a column and said table having a second column, in parallel with said first column, containing indices for different product descriptions, and a third memory range for storage of a further table for said product descriptions respectively assigned to said indices in said second column; and

said microprocessor being programmed by said program for evaluating the mail-item-related data values stored in the working memory by accessing said table containing said first and second columns to

automatically determine a product code and a product description for said service product, and to supply as an output a text for said product description for generating a printout thereof.

2. (Original) A mail-processing device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said microprocessor is programmed by said program to determine the index for the product code and to locate the index in said further table for said product description.

3. (Original) A mail-processing device as claimed in claim 1 comprising, in at least one of said program memory and said programmable memory, a fourth memory area for storage of an additional further table containing text strings assigned to the respective indices, and wherein said microprocessor is programmed by said program to determine a text string from said additional further table dependent on shipping parameters for said service product and to supply said text strings in said output.

4. (Original) A mail-processing device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said program memory is a permanent memory and wherein said programmable memory is a semi-permanent memory.